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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the application of Diehl, Frank

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Examiner: Forman, Betty J.

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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM FINAL REJECTION BY THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby gives Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Rejection of the Examiner dated November 12, 2003. Rejected Claims 13-20 and 24-26 in this application are hereby appealed.

A Three-Month Extension of Time Request is concurrently filed herewith making the time for this Appeal MAY 12, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee amount of \$165.00 to Deposit Account 18-0990 to cover the Appeal fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-0990.

Respectfully submitted

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